BEFORE THE MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA DIVISION OF MEDICAL QUALITY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:) D-4951
John J. Zane, M.D. 1111 East Tahquitz Way, Ste. 110 Palm Springs, CA 92262) L-59706
Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. C 20382,)))
Respondent.))

DECISION

The attached Proposed Decision of the Administrative Law Judge is hereby adopted by the <u>Medical Board of California</u> as <u>its</u> Decision in the above-entitled matter.

This Decision shall become effective on January 17, 1994.

IT IS SO ORDERED December 17, 1994.

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PROPOSED DECISION

This matter was heard by Samuel D. Reyes,
Administrative Law Judge, Office of Administrative Hearings, at
San Bernardino, California, on September 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24,
27 and 28, 1993, and at Cathedral City, California, on September
20, 1993. Leslie B. Fleming, Deputy Attorney General,
represented Dixon Arnett ("complainant"). William H. Moore, Jr.,
Attorney at Law, represented John J. Zane ("respondent").

The First Amended Accusation ("Accusation") was amended at the hearing as follows: (1) in paragraph 19(e), page 10, line 20, the number "1992" was stricken and the number "1991" was inserted in its place; (2) in paragraph 19(f), page 10, line 23, the number "1992" was stricken and the number "1991" was inserted in its place; (3) paragraph 19(i)(6), page 12, was stricken; (4) in paragraph 25(c), page 16, lines 14 and 15, the words "his diabetes would 'completely go away'" were stricken and the words "he would no longer be insulin-dependent" were inserted in their place; (5) in paragraph 25(h), page 17, the words "told patient Jeremiah C. that he would no longer be insulin-dependent" were added as subsection (7); (6) in paragraph 25(h), page 17, the words "told patient Jeremiah C. that the shots would clear the blocked arteries from his surgical graft" were added as subsection (8); (7) in paragraph 31, pages 19-22, the word "Marcia" was stricken whenever it appeared, and the word "Marsha" was inserted in its place; (8) in paragraph 48(d), page 31, line 19, the words "he could cure" were stricken and the words "his injections probably would help the were inserted in their place; and (9) paragraph 60, pages 36 and 37, was stricken.

Oral and documentary evidence, and evidence by oral and written stipulation on the record, was received and the matter was submitted for decision. The Administrative Law Judge makes the following findings of fact.

Findings of Fact

- 1. The Accusation was filed on March 5, 1993, by complainant in his official capacity as the Executive Director, Medical Board of California ("Board").
- 2. On January 9, 1959, the Board issued to respondent Physician and Surgeon certificate number C 20382. The certificate has been in effect at all material times; it has been in delinquent status for non-payment of renewal fees since June 30, 1993.
- 3. a. In a Decision of the Board of Medical Quality Assurance, the Board's predecessor, in case number D-2585, respondent's certificate was revoked, which revocation was stayed, the certificate placed on probation for seven years. Probation terminated on November 5, 1989.
- b. In that Decision, respondent was found to have engaged in gross negligence and incompetence constituting unprofessional conduct in connection with his use on three patients of a blood test which had not gained the requisite medical acceptance to justify reliance upon its results.
- 4. Respondent began practicing medicine in the Palm Springs area in 1985, at which time his practice was becoming more focussed on nutritional medicine. At some unspecified time later, he opened a law office and his attention shifted to the full-time practice of law. However, he continued to treat some patients and to pursue his interests in the marketing of a series of injections he had developed.
- 5. a. In August 1989, Jeremiah C., an attorney and a man who appeared to be in his late 60s or early 70s, met respondent at a social gathering at the home of a mutual friend. Jeremiah C. told respondent that he suffered from bad circulation in his legs and that another physician, having diagnosed claudication as a result of arthrosclerosis, had told him that nothing other than surgery could be done for him.
- b. Respondent told Jeremiah C. that he had been working on a special formula for many years and that he had been very successful with it, curing many people with serious illnesses. The formula, according to respondent, could cure arthrosclerosis, Parkinson's disease, and other diseases. Respondent stated that the formula had eliminated his mother-in-

law's severe arterial blockage. Respondent would not reveal the content of the formula as he maintained that it was secret and worth a lot of money. Respondent said that the formula was administered by injections and that the cost for a series of 24 was \$36,000. Jeremiah C. replied that he would think about whether to undertake the treatment.

- c. Approximately two months after the social gathering, respondent called Jeremiah C. and informed him that he was about to mix some of the formula, asking if he was interested in the injections. Jeremiah C. told respondent that he could not pay the \$36,000 for them. Respondent offered to provide the injections in exchange for Jeremiah C's assistance in legal matters and \$2,500. Jeremiah C. agreed to this arrangement; he became a partner in respondent's law firm in March 1991 and was not asked to make any additional cash payments in order to receive the injections.
- d. Respondent administered injections to Jeremiah C. over the period of December 1989 to October 1990. They were usually given every other day, although there were periods of daily administration.
- e. After receiving his first injection, Jeremiah C. informed respondent that he was a diabetic who was dependent on insulin. Respondent told Jeremiah C. that after 10 or 15 injections he would not need the insulin; respondent also stated that "dozens" of diabetics had eliminated their insulindependency with his injections.
- f. During the course of treatment, respondent also told Jeremiah C., a recovering alcoholic, that the injections would permit him to drink socially.
- g. Respondent did not conduct a good faith physical examination of, or take a medical history from, Jeremiah C. prior to or during the administration of any of the injections. Respondent did not ask the patient to provide him with the name of any treating physician.
- h. Respondent did not create or maintain charts or other records where medical history and pertinent contemporaneous information were maintained in connection with his treatment of Jeremiah C. At most, he kept a tally of the number of times the injections were administered, which notations do not constitute adequate medical records.
- i. The injections did not bring about any observable physical improvement on Jeremiah C.'s conditions. He continues to be insulin-dependent.

- 6. a. In April or May 1990, Edith D., a 77 year-old woman, was taken by her son, Alan, to respondent's office. She complained of chronic and severe pain in her legs, pain which was being treated with medication. She was given injections at the rate of one per week for approximately 5 months.
 - b. Edith D.'s treatment was paid by her son.
- c. Respondent did not conduct a good faith physical examination of, or take a medical history from, Edith D. at any time prior to or during the treatment. He did not ask her for any medical records or for the name of any treating physician.
- d. Respondent did not create or maintain records where medical history and pertinent contemporaneous information were maintained in connection with his treatment of Edith D. At most, he kept a tally of the number of times the injections were administered, which notations do not constitute adequate medical records.
- e. With the possible exception of partial relief the first 2 or 3 times that they were administered, the injections did not provide any relief for Edith D.'s pain.
- 7. a. Marsha B. worked for respondent as a legal secretary approximately from June 1989 to September 1991.
- b. In June 1990, Marsha B. hurt her neck while working for respondent. Respondent prescribed Empirin with Codeine #3, a dangerous drug within the meaning of Business and Professions Code section 42111, to relieve her pain, which medication Marsha B. ingested.
- c. On March 24, 1991, Marsha B.'s sister died and, consequently, Marsha B. was very distraught. Respondent spoke with Marsha B. on the telephone and, noticing her emotional state, prescribed 30 tablets of Valium, a dangerous drug within the meaning of section 4211, to relieve her anxiety and depression. The medication was taken by Marsha B.
- d. Respondent did not conduct a good faith physical examination of, or take a medical history from, Marsha B. prior to prescribing the medications described in findings of fact numbers 7b and c.

¹All further references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise stated.

- e. Respondent did not create or maintain records where medical history and pertinent contemporaneous information were maintained in connection with his treatment of Marsha B.
- 8. a. Respondent met Colin W., a sculptor, at a social function in November 1990. Colin W. told respondent that he had had a series of skin cancers and that he suffered from a hiatal hernia.
- b. Respondent told Colin W. that he had a treatment consisting of a series of injections which cured many ailments. He maintained that the treatment also made those receiving it stronger, younger, and healthier. He also stated that the injections would clear the bloodstream, preventing blood clots and heart attacks. Respondent told Colin W. that the injections could cure his skin cancer and his hiatal hernia. Claiming that it consisted of a secret formula, respondent refused to reveal the injection's ingredients to Colin W.
- c. Colin W. and respondent met at several subsequent social gatherings, at which respondent continued to extol the virtues of the injections. At one of these meetings, respondent stated that the Mexican government may be setting up a hospital for him to work with the injection and that Colin W. would have to hurry if he wanted the shots.
- d. At some point after the first meeting, respondent informed Colin W. that the injections normally cost \$36,000 but he would accept a sculpture in payment. Colin W. agreed and respondent selected a piece, "Leda and the Swan," valued by the artist at \$25,000.
- e. On January 14, 1991, Colin W. became respondent's patient, receiving the first injection. The injections continued on a daily basis until February 7, 1991.
- f. Respondent did not conduct a good faith physical examination of, or take a thorough medical history from, Colin W. at any time prior to or during the treatment. He did not ask the patient for any medical records or for the name of any treating physician.
- g. Respondent did not create or maintain records where medical history and pertinent contemporaneous information were maintained in connection with his treatment of Colin W. At most, he kept a tally of the number of times the injections were administered, which notations do not constitute adequate medical records.
- h. The injections did not bring about any observable physical improvement on Colin W.'s hiatal hernia.

- 9. a. On April 26, 1991, Nelson C., an 83-year-old male, visited respondent's law office to discuss two legal matters. During the course of their discussion, respondent excused himself to administer an injection to a patient. Upon his return, Nelson C. asked about the injections and their ingredients.
- b. Respondent told Nelson C. that the patient had been in worse shape than Nelson C. before the injections were administered. He also said that individuals who had received the injections were rejuvenated. Respondent stated that his mother had seemed to be dying when he gave her the injections and that she was a new woman after the treatments.
- c. Following respondent's assertions, Nelson C. became more interested in the injections and inquired about their cost. Respondent noted that the injections were only mixed a small quantity at a time and that the cost was \$36,000 for a series of 24.
- d. Nelson C. agreed on that same date to undertake the treatments and respondent administered the first injection on April 29, 1991. On said date, the patient paid \$18,000 for the first 12 injections; a second check for \$18,000 was given to respondent on May 17, 1991.
- e. Respondent continued giving the injections to the patient, on an approximately daily basis, until May 17, 1991. Nelson C. refused to take the last injection.
- f. Respondent did not conduct a good faith physical examination of, or take a medical history from, Nelson C. at any time during the administration of the injections.
- g. Respondent did not create or maintain records where medical history and pertinent contemporaneous information were maintained in connection with his treatment of Jeremiah C. At most, he kept a dairy or tally of the number of times the injections were administered, which notations do not constitute adequate medical records.
- h. Based on his discussions and observations of Nelson C., which did not include a good faith physical examination or the taking of medical history, respondent ruled out Parkinson's Decease in the patient.
- i. The injections did not bring about any observable physical improvement in Nelson C.

- 10. a. In mid-May 1991 respondent called on a friend, Wayne N., a 70 year-old male. He was informed by Shirley N., Wayne N.'s wife, that Wayne N. was suffering from terminal cancer.
- b. Respondent told Shirley N. that his injections would probably help her husband, noting that he had had very good results with people suffering from said disease. Respondent said that a series of injections cost \$36,000. Shirley N. agreed to discuss the matter with her husband.
- c. After speaking with her husband, Shirley N. informed respondent that they did not have the money for the treatment. Respondent agreed to give Wayne N. the injections, accepting in exchange the discharge of a \$5,000 debt.
- d. Respondent administered the injections to Wayne N. on a daily basis for approximately six weeks, starting in the middle of May 1991 and concluding in the end of June.
- e. Respondent did not conduct a thorough good faith physical examination of, or take a thorough medical history from, Wayne N. at any time prior to or during the treatment.
- f. Respondent did not create or maintain records where medical history and pertinent contemporaneous information were maintained in connection with his treatment of Wayne N. At most, he kept a tally of the number of times the injections were administered, which notations do not constitute adequate medical records.
- g. The injections did not bring about any observable physical improvement in Wayne N.'s condition. He died on July 9, 1991.
- 11. a. The injections administered by respondent to the patients described in findings of fact numbers 5, 6, 8, 9, and 10, contained the following ingredients: all B Vitamins, Vitamins C and E, all essential amino acids, Chromium, Zinc, Xylocaine, methylparaben, and benzyl alcohol. They were administered intramuscularly in the hip or buttocks area.
- b. Xylocaine, a brand of lidocaine hydrochloride, is a dangerous drug within the meaning of section 4211.
- 12. Respondent's failure to conduct a good faith physical examination of patients Jeremiah C., Edith D., Marsha B., Colin W., Nelson C., and Wayne N, as set forth in finding of fact numbers 5g, 6c, 7d, 8f, 9f, and 10e, prior to the administration of the injections or, in the case of Marsha B. prior to the prescription of dangerous drugs, constitutes gross negligence and incompetence.

- 13. Respondent's failure to take a medical history from patients Jeremiah C., Edith D., Marsha B., Colin W., Nelson C., and Wayne N, as set forth in finding of fact numbers 5g, 6c, 7d, 8f, 9f, and 10e, prior to the administration of the injections or, in the case of Marsha B. prior to the prescription of dangerous drugs, constitutes gross negligence and incompetence.
- 14. Respondent's failure to maintain adequate medical records for patients Jeremiah C., Edith D., Marsha B., Colin W., Nelson C., and Wayne N, as set forth in finding of fact numbers 5h, 6d, 7e, 8g, 9g, and 10f, regarding the administration of the injections or, in the case of Marsha B. the prescription of dangerous drugs, constitutes gross negligence and incompetence.
- 15. Respondent's administration of injections to patients Jeremiah C., Edith D., Colin W., Nelson C., and Wayne N, and his prescription of dangerous drugs to Marsha B., in the circumstances of this case, particularly his failure to conduct physical examinations or to take medical histories, as set forth in finding of fact numbers 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 constitutes gross negligence and incompetence.
- 16. Respondent's statement to Jeremiah C., as set forth in finding of fact number 5f, regarding the patient's ability to drink alcoholic beverages constitutes gross negligence and incompetence.
- 17. Respondent's statements to Colin W, as set forth in finding of fact number 8b, that the injections could cure his skin cancer and his hiatal hernia constitutes gross negligence and incompetence.
- 18. Respondent's conclusion that Nelson C. did not suffer from Parkinson's Decease, under the circumstances of this case and as set forth in finding of fact number 9h, constitutes gross negligence and incompetence.
- 19. a. Respondent committed acts involving dishonesty in his promotion and administration of the injections as set forth in finding of fact numbers 5, 6, 8, 9, and 10. His representations regarding the benefits of the injections were exaggerated. Respondent repeatedly claimed that the injections would "cure" certain ailments, claims which are not supported by medical evidence. These claims were presented to susceptible individuals in circumstances designed to enhance the power and mystique of the shots rather than informed patient consent.
- b. The acts referred to in finding of fact number 19a occurred during the practice of medicine and are, accordingly, substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a physician.

- 20. Respondent maintained at the hearing that he was engaged in the practice of nutritional medicine when he administered the injections and presented evidence regarding the efficacy of nutritional therapy. Regardless of the validity or scientific acceptance of this mode of treatment, respondent's failure to conduct physical examinations, to take necessary medical history, to maintain adequate records of treatment, or to individualize the administration of nutritional supplements, belie his assertion that he was engaged in legitimate patient treatment.
- 21. Respondent presented the testimony of several witnesses who testified that they had been helped by his injections. However, it was not established to any medical certainty that even if health improvement had occurred that said improvement was due to the injections.
- 22. It was not established that the injections created any ill physical effects on those receiving them.
- 23. a. Respondent presented himself for psychological evaluation in March or April 1993. George D. Demus, Ph.D, who has been acquainted with respondent for approximately 20 years, conducted several standard and well-accepted tests and interviewed respondent at length. He concluded that respondent suffers from bipolar affective disorder, manic. In his opinion, this ailment impaired respondent's judgement regarding matters associated with the injections.
- b. Dr. Demus referred respondent for further diagnosis and treatment to Michael J. DeLuca, M.D. Dr. DeLuca arrived at the same diagnosis and hospitalized respondent on April 24, 1993. He began treating respondent with Lithium Carbonate at the institution. Respondent was discharged on April 27, 1993. He attends regular psychotherapy sessions with Dr. DeLuca and continues to take the medication.
- c. Respondent is responding to the treatment and no longer regularly exhibits the outward characteristics of those suffering from the bipolar affective disorder, manic. He is also better able to control his emotions and to exercise better judgement. Dr. DeLuca opines that respondent should continue to receive Lithium Carbonate for at least two years and perhaps for the rest of his life.
- d. Complainant presented the testimony of Hugh Gordon Blount, Ph.D., to rebut some of the conclusions of Drs. Demus and DeLuca. Dr. Blount did not examine respondent and, chiefly because of this factor, his testimony has not been credited when it was in conflict with that of respondent's experts.

24. Except for those previously found to have merit, all other allegations in the Accusation, and all other contentions of the parties at the hearing, are found to be unproved or surplusage.

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Pursuant to the foregoing findings of fact, the Administrative Law Judge makes the following determination of issues:

DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

- 1. Cause exists to discipline respondent's certificate pursuant to sections 2227 and 2234(b) in that he engaged in unprofessional conduct by the commission of acts constituting gross negligence, by reason of finding of fact numbers 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18.
- 2. Cause exists to discipline respondent's certificate pursuant to sections 2227 and 2234(d) in that he engaged in unprofessional conduct by the commission of acts constituting incompetence, by reason of finding of fact numbers 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18.
- 3. Cause exists to discipline respondent's certificate pursuant to sections 2227 and 2234(e) in that he engaged in unprofessional conduct by the commission of acts involving dishonesty which are substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a physician, by reason of finding of fact numbers 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 19, and 20.
- 4. Cause exists to discipline respondent's certificate pursuant to sections 2227, 2234, 2238, and 2242 in that he prescribed dangerous drugs without a good faith prior examination, by reason of finding of fact numbers 5d, 5g, 6a, 6c, 7b, 7c, 7d, 8e, 8f, 9e, 9f, 10d, 10e, and 11.
- 5. All relevant evidence of mitigation and rehabilitation has been considered. The presence of a mental disorder which contributed to respondent's actions has been considered as a mitigating factor. Respondent's acts in connection with the promotion and administration of the injections, however, were not shown to be the exclusive result of said ailment. Also, respondent has just started addressing the problem and has not developed a sufficient record of controlling the disease. Respondent's prior disciplinary action and the commencement of activities subject to this proceeding soon after the termination of probation in that matter have been considered aggravating factors. Accordingly, the order which follows is necessary to protect the public.

WHEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING ORDER is hereby made:

Physician and Surgeon certificate number G-27270 issued to respondent John J. Zane, M.D., is hereby revoked.

DATED: 10/27/93

SAMUEL D. REVES

Administrative Law Judge

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15	California Physician's and)
16	Surgeon's Certificate) No. C20382,
17	Respondent.)
18	Complainant Dixon Arnett, as causes for disciplinary
19	action, alleges as follows:
20	1. Complainant is the Executive Director of the
21	Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs,
22	State of California (hereinafter the "Board"), and makes and
23	files this accusation solely in his official capacity as such.
24	Licensure:
25	2. At all times mentioned herein John J. Zane, M.D.
26	(hereinafter "respondent"), was licensed by the Board under
27	Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. C20382. Said

certificate was issued by the Board on January 19, 1959, is in CURRENT STATUS at the present time, and will expire on June 30, 1993, unless renewed. Respondent is not a supervisor of a physician assistant.

Previous Disciplinary History:

3. On August 15, 1980, Accusation No. D-2585 was filed against respondent and, on February 3, 1983, the Board's decision in Case No. D-2585 became effective after judicial review. Under that decision, respondent was found guilty of gross negligence and incompetence in the practice of medicine; his certificate was ordered revoked, with the revocation stayed; and respondent was placed on probation for seven (7) years on terms and conditions. On November 5, 1989, respondent's probation was terminated.

Statutes:

- 4. California Business and Professions Code section 2220 provides, in pertinent part, that the Division of Medical Quality may take action against all persons guilty of violating the provisions of Chapter 5 of Division 2 of that Code.
- 5. California Business and Professions Code section
 2227 provides that a licensee whose matter has been heard by the
 Division of Medical Quality, by a medical quality review
 committee or a panel of such committee, or by an administrative
 law judge, or whose default has been entered, and who is found
 guilty, may, in accordance with the provisions of this chapter:

 (a) have his or her certificate revoked upon order of the
 division; (b) have his or her right to practice suspended for a
 period not to exceed one year upon order of the division or a

1	committee or panel thereof; (c) be placed on probation upon order
. 2	of the division or a committee or panel thereof; (d) be publicly
3	reprimanded by the division or a committee or panel thereof; (e)
4	have such other action taken in relation to discipline as the
5	division, a committee or panel thereof, or an administrative law
6	judge may deem proper.
7	6. California Business and Professions Code section
8	2234 provides that:
9	"The Division of Medical Quality shall take action against any licensee who is charged
10	with unprofessional conduct. In addition to provisions of this article, unprofessional
11	conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:
12	"(a) Violating or attempting to violate,
13	directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to
14	violate, any provision of this chapter.
15	"(b) Gross Negligence.
1,6	"(c) Repeated negligent acts.
17	"(d) Incompetence.
18	"(e) The commission of any act involving dishonesty or corruption which is
19	substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician or
20	surgeon.
21	"(f) Any action which would have warranted the denial of a certificate."
22	the denial of a certificate.
23	7. California Business and Professions Code section
24	2238 provides that:
25	"A violation of any federal statute or federal regulation or any of the statutes or
26	regulations of this state regulating * * *
27	dangerous drugs * * * or controlled substances constitutes unprofessional

1	8. California Business and Professions Code section
2	2242 provides, in pertinent part, that:
3	"(a) Prescribing, dispensing, or furnishing dangerous drugs as defined in Section 4211
4	: +hout a good faith Drior examination and
5	medical indication therefor, constitutes unprofessional conduct."
6	9. California Business and Professions Code section
7	2271 provides that:
8	"Any advertising in violation of Section 17500, relating to false or misleading
9	advertising, constitutes unprofessional conduct."
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11	10. California Business and Professions Code section
12	17500 provides that:
13	"It is unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or association, or any employee
14	thereof with intent directly or indirectly to perform services, professional or
15	otherwise, or anything of any nature whatsoever or to induce the public to enter
16	into any obligation relating thereto, to make
17	disseminated before the public in this state, in any newspaper or other publication,
18	or any advertising device, or by public outcry or proclamation, or in any other
19	manner or means whatever, any statement, concerning such services, professional
20	or otherwise, or concerning any circumstances or matter of fact connected with the proposed
21	performance or disposition thereof, which is untrue or misleading, and which is known, or
22	hy which the exercise of reasonable care
23	should be known, to be untrue or misleading, Any violation of the provisions of
24	this section is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding
25	six months, or by a fine not exceeding two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500), or by
26	both.
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1	11. California Business and Professions Code section
2	651 provides, in pertinent part, that it is unlawful for any
3	person licensed by the Medical Board of California to disseminate
4	or cause to be disseminated any form of public communication
5	containing a false, fraudulent, misleading, or deceptive
6	statement or claim for the purpose of or likely to induce,
7	directly or indirectly, the rendering of professional services in
8	connection with the professional practice or business for which
9	he is licensed.
10	12. California Business and Professions Code section
11	2252 provides that:
12	"The violation of any provision of Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 1700) of Division 2
13	of the Health and Safety Code, or case and
14	desist order issued under such provisions, relating to the treatment of cancer,
15	constitutes unprofessional conduct.
16	13. California Health and Safety Code section 1707.1
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18	for sale, holding for
19	sale, delivering, giving away, productions, compound
20	or device to be used in the diagnostic
21	unlawful and prohibited unless (1) and unless (1) a
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setting forth: "(a) Full reports of investigations which have been made to show whether or not such drug, medicine, compound or device is safe for such use, and whether such drug, medicine, compound or device is effective in such use;

been an application filed with the board

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1 2	"(b) A full list of the articles used as components of such drug, medicine, compound or device;
3	"(c) A full statement of the composition of such drug, medicine, compound or device;
4	"(d) A full description of the methods used
5	<pre>in, and the facilities and controls used for, the manufacture, processing and packing of</pre>
6	such drug, medicine or compound or in the case of a device, a full statement of its
7	composition, properties and construction and the principle or principles of its operation;
8 9	"(e) Such samples of such drug, medicine, compound or device and of the articles used
10	as components of the drug, medicine, compound or device as the board may require; and
11	"(f) Specimens of the labeling and
12	advertising proposed to be used for such drug, medicine, compound or device."
13	14. California Health and Safety Code section 1714 provides that:
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15	"It is unlawful for any person, with intent to defraud, to falsely represent and provide for compensation a device, substance, method
16	or treatment as effective to diagnose, arrest, prevent, or cure cancer. Nothing in
17	this section shall abridge the existent rights of the press."
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19	Drugs:
20	15. "Xylocaine," a brand of lidocaine hydrochloride,
21	is unsafe for self-medication, and is a dangerous drug as defined
22	by California Business and Professions Code section 4211.
23	16. "Valium," a brand of diazepam, is a Schedule IV
24	controlled substance as designated by California Health and
25	Safety Code section 11057(d)(7).
26	17. "Empirin with Codeine No. 3," a combination drug
27	containing Acetaminophen and not more than 1.8 grams of Codeine

per 100 milliliters or not more than 90 milligrams per dosage unit, with one or more active, non-narcotic ingredients in recognized therapeutic amounts, is a Schedule III controlled substance as designated by California Health and Safety Code section 11056(e)(2).

Summary of Allegations:

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Respondent, with intent to defraud members of the California public, fraudulently advertised and misrepresented to members of the California public that a series of injections which he had allegedly developed would, if administered, make patients feel 20 years younger, give patients their strength back, cure arthrosclorsis, cure blocked arteries (cardio vascular), cure Parkinson's Disease, cure diabetes, cure claudication, cure alcoholism, clear blood, strengthen the immune system, prolong life and cure cancer. The injections contained unknown quantities of the following ingredients: all B Vitamins, Vitamin C, Vitamin E, all essential amino acids, chromium, zinc and xylocaine. Xylocaine is a dangerous drug. Respondent administered injections to numerous patients and, through his misrepresentations and false advertising, defrauded those patients out of thousands of dollars and other valuable items of personal property. By doing so, respondent has committed multiple acts of unprofessional conduct including, but not limited to, gross negligence, incompetence, repeated negligent acts, acts of dishonesty and/or corruption, general unprofessional conduct, and violations of state statutes regulating dangerous drugs and has subjected his license to

disciplinary action, separately and severally, under numerous provisions of the Medical Practice Act.

Disciplinary Charges:

Patient Nelson C.:

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- 19. Respondent has subjected his license to disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 2220, 2227, and 2234 on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined by section 2234, subdivision (b), of the Code in that respondent is guilty of gross negligence as more particularly alleged hereinafter:
 - (a) On or about April 25, 1991, Nelson C., then 83 years of age, consulted respondent, who is also a licensed attorney in California, about two legal matters and respondent's possible representation of Nelson C. therein. Present during this consultation were Nelson C., his wife Mrs. C., his personal secretary Ms. Sierra H., and respondent. During the consultation, which occurred at respondent's office, respondent excused himself in order to administer an injection to a priest who had come to respondent's office. Respondent and the priest went into a restroom and, upon exiting the restroom a few minutes later, respondent told Nelson C.

"The Father was in worse shape than you are now, Nelson, just 2 months ago. But he has been taking my injections and just look at him. Father even says Mass again."

Nelson C. immediately began asking respondent about the injections and their ingredients. Respondent told Nelson C. that

there was nothing medical in the injections, just herbs, minerals, ores and natural ingredients. Respondent told Nelson C. that he was in the process of opening up a major lab and clinic in one of the Southern Atlantic islands. Respondent further stated that his mother was dying and that he had given her injections and her doctors could not believe what had happened to her. Respondent also told Nelson C. that the injections had helped many people by making them feel 20 years younger and that the injections would give Nelson C. his strength back. When Nelson C. asked respondent how much the injections cost, respondent said that they were very expensive and that only the wealthy could afford them. Respondent stated that the injections were expensive because he could only mix up a small batch at a time. Respondent told Nelson C. that there was a series of 24 injections, one per day, and that the cost was \$36,000.

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(b) On or about April 29, 1991, Nelson C. retained respondent to represent him in two legal matters and gave respondent a \$10,000 retainer. Respondent went to Nelson C.'s home and collected the \$10,000 retainer. On that same date, Nelson C. became respondent's patient and gave respondent a check for \$18,000 for the first series of injections. On that same date, without first conducting a good faith examination of, or taking a medical history from, patient Nelson C., respondent administered an injection in patient Nelson C.'s buttocks or hip. Respondent continued giving injections to patient Nelson C., on an approximately

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- (c) According to respondent, the injections given to patient Nelson C. contained unknown quantities of the following ingredients: "all B Vitamins, Vitamin C, Vitamin E, all essential amino acids, chromium, zinc and xylocaine." As respondent continued to administer daily injections to patient Nelson C., he became weaker and weaker.
- (d) After his approximately 7th or 8th injection, respondent was confronted by patient Nelson C.'s personal secretary, Ms. Sierra H., who told respondent that the injections were not helping patient Nelson C. but making him worse. In response, respondent told patient Nelson C., Ms. C. and Ms. Sierra H., that sometimes the injections take longer to work on some people and that if patient Nelson C. would change his lifestyle, and believe in God more, that he would get better. By the time that patient Nelson C. had received approximately 14-15 injections, he had become weaker and was very shaky and unsteady.
- (e) On or about May 17, 1992, patient Nelson C. gave respondent another check for \$18,000 for the second series of injections.
- (f) On or about May 21, 1992, patient Nelson C. received his approximately 23rd injection from respondent in his bedroom. By this time, patient Nelson C. was very weak, could not walk by himself, and had started to leak urine constantly. Respondent stated that he had changed patient

Nelson C.'s injections and that patient Nelson C. should stop taking testosterone, which had been prescribed by another doctor, because respondent had given him something that would help more. That same afternoon, patient Nelson C. lost all feeling in his genital area and was very unstable. Thereafter, respondent was examined by another physician, underwent a number of tests, and was found to have suffered a number of small strokes while under respondent's care.

(g) On or about May 25, 1992, respondent went to patient Nelson C.'s home to give him his 24th injection. At that time, respondent was told to stop giving the injections to patient Nelson C. as they were not helping him and he was very ill. Respondent then replied

"Well, I'll get you some medicine that will help. It will be expensive because I'll have to get it from another country. If Mexico doesn't have it then I can get it in South America or Germany."

Patient Nelson C. has not heard from respondent since that date.

(h) During the entire period of time that respondent was treating patient Nelson C., respondent never conducted a prior good faith examination of, nor did he take a medical history from, nor did respondent create or maintain medical records for, patient Nelson C. Notwithstanding these failures, respondent "ruled out Parkinson's Disease" for patient Nelson C.

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- (i) Respondent is guilty of gross negligence in the course of his treatment of patient Nelson C. in that he has, among other things:
- (1) Failed to conduct a prior good faith physical examination of patient Nelson C.;
- (2) Failed to take an appropriate medical history of patient Nelson C.;
- (3) "Ruled out" Parkinson's Disease for patient Nelson
 C. notwithstanding his failure to conduct a physical examination
 of, or take an appropriate medical history from, patient Nelson
 C.;
- (4) Failed to create and maintain medical records for patient Nelson C.;
- (5) Administered numerous injections containing a dangerous drug, xylocaine, to patient Nelson C.; and
- (6) Instructed patient Nelson C. to stop taking the testosterone that had been prescribed to him by another physician.
- 20. Respondent has further subjected his license to disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined by section 2234, subdivision (d) of the Code, in that respondent is guilty of incompetence as more particularly alleged hereinafter:
 - (a) Paragraphs 19(a), 19(b), 19(c), 19(d), 19(e), 19(f), 19(g), and 19(h), above, are realleged and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

- (b) Respondent is guilty of and has demonstrated incompetence in the course of his treatment of patient Nelson C. by, among other things, failing to explain to patient Nelson C. the ingredients of the injections, their side effects, complications and available alternative treatments.
- disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined by section 2234, subdivision (e), of the Code in that respondent has committed acts involving dishonesty or corruption which are substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon as more particularly alleged hereinafter: Paragraphs 19(a), 19(b), 19(c), 19(d), 19(e), 19(f), 19(g) and 19(h), above, are realleged and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.
- disciplinary action under California Business and Professions
 Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of
 unprofessional conduct, as defined by section 2242 of the Code,
 in that respondent has prescribed, dispensed, or furnished
 dangerous drugs as defined in Section 4211 of the Code without a
 good faith prior examination and medical indication therefor, as
 more particularly alleged hereinafter: Paragraphs 19(a), 19(b),
 19(c), 19(d), 19(e), 19(f), 19(g) and 19(h), above, are realleged
 and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

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Respondent has further subjected his license to disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of general unprofessional conduct as more particularly alleged hereinafter: Paragraphs 19(a), 19(b), 19(c), 19(d), 19(e), 19(f), 19(g) and 19(h), above, are realleged and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

24. Respondent has further subjected his license to disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined by section 2234, subdivision (c), of the Code in that respondent is guilty of repeated negligent acts as more particularly alleged hereinafter: Paragraphs 19(a), 19(b), 19(c), 19(d), 19(e), 19(f), 19(g) and 19(h), above, are realleged and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

Patient Jeremiah C .:

- Respondent has further subjected his license to 25. disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined by section 2234, subdivision (b), of the Code in that respondent is guilty of gross negligence as more particularly alleged hereinafter:
 - On or about August of 1989, Jeremiah C. first met respondent at a social gathering. At that social gathering, respondent started talking about "the shots" that he had developed which, according to respondent, could cure

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arthrosclorsis, blocked arteries (cardio vascular), Parkinson's Disease, and a number of other ailments Jeremiah C. told respondent that he including diabetes. suffered from very bad circulation in his legs and that another physician, having diagnosed claudication as a result of arthosclorosis, had told Jeremiah C. that nothing could be done for him. Respondent told Jeremiah C. that he had had great success in curing claudication as a result of arthosclorosis and that he had treated a number of people with the same complaints. Respondent, using his 83-yearold mother-in-law as an example, said that she had tried the shots as a last resort, that she was completely cured with only 18 shots, and that after the shots her arteries were as clean as an "18-year-old." When Jeremiah C. asked respondent what was in the shots, respondent stated that the formula could not be disclosed because it was a secret but that respondent was then in the process of closing a deal with some investors for the sale of the formula for \$10,000,000. When Jeremiah C. asked respondent if the shots were kelation, respondent said no, the shots were totally new and unique. Jeremiah C. told respondent that he wanted to check it out and that he would get back with respondent.

(b) Jeremiah C. did not call respondent back and, on or about October of 1989, respondent called Jeremiah C. During that telephone conversation, respondent stated that he was making up some of the formula for another person and, since it took time and he had to import some of the

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ingredients from outside the United States, Jeremiah C. had Jeremiah C. to let respondent know if he wanted the shots. said that he did not want the shots because the price was \$36,000.

- Approximately three days later, respondent (C) telephoned Jeremiah C. again and said that he really needed Jeremiah C.'s legal help and that respondent would give Jeremiah C. the shots for only \$2,500 if Jeremiah C. would help respondent with his law office. Jeremiah C. agreed. Respondent assured Jeremiah C. that the shots would "cure" the claudication in his legs and that all the arteries to his heart would be completely open including the graft and the artery that had been bypassed when Jeremiah C. had his Respondent also told Jeremiah C. that his heart surgery. diabetes would "completely go away."
- During the time period beginning on or about October of 1989 through and including on or about October of 1990, respondent administered numerous injections to patient Jeremiah C., i.e., one injection on approximately every third day.
- In January or February of 1990, patient Jeremiah C. told respondent that he was an alcoholic and that he had been sober since September 6, 1970. Respondent then told patient Jeremiah C. that he had cured "dozens" of alcoholics and that since Jeremiah C. was receiving the shots, he was completely cured and could drink as a social drinker at anytime he wanted to and that it was completely safe.

- (f) At no time did respondent ever conduct a prior good faith examination of patient Jeremiah C.
- (g) To date, patient Jeremiah C.'s circulation in his legs has deteriorated and his dependence on insulin remains the same as prior to receiving the shots from respondent.
- (h) Respondent is guilty of gross negligence in the course of his treatment of patient Jeremiah C. in that he has, among other things:
 - (1) Failed to conduct a prior good faith
 physical examination of patient Jeremiah C.;
 - (2) Failed to take an appropriate medical history of patient Jeremiah C.;
 - (3) Failed to create and maintain medical records for patient Jeremiah C.;
 - (4) Told patient Jeremiah C., a recovering alcoholic, that he could drink alcoholic beverages because he was being given injections by respondent;
 - (5) Told patient Jeremiah C. that he could "cure" alcoholism; and
 - (6) Administered numerous injections containing a dangerous drug, xylocaine, to patient Jeremiah C.
- 26. Respondent has further subjected his license to disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined by section 2234, subdivision

(d) of the Code, in that respondent is guilty of incompetence as more particularly alleged hereinafter:

- (a) Paragraphs 25(a), 25(b), 25(c), 25(d), 25(e),
 25(f), 25(g), and 25(h), above, are realleged and
 incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.
- (b) Respondent is guilty of and has demonstrated incompetence in the course of his treatment of patient Jeremiah C. by, among other things, failing to explain to patient Jeremiah C. the ingredients of the injections, their side effects, complications and available alternative treatments.
- disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined by section 2234, subdivision (e), of the Code in that respondent has committed acts involving dishonesty or corruption which are substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon as more particularly alleged hereinafter: Paragraphs 25(a), 25(b), 25(c), 25(d), 25(e), 25(f), 25(g), and 25(h), above, are realleged and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.
- 28. Respondent has further subjected his license to disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined by section 2242 of the Code, in that respondent has prescribed, dispensed, or furnished

dangerous drugs as defined in Section 4211 of the Code without a good faith prior examination and medical indication therefor, as more particularly alleged hereinafter: Paragraphs 25(a), 25(b), 25(c), 25(d), 25(e), 25(f), 25(g), and 25(h), above, are realleged and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

29. Respondent has further subjected his license to disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of general unprofessional conduct as more particularly alleged hereinafter: Paragraphs 25(a), 25(b), 25(c), 25(d), 25(e), 25(f), 25(g), and 25(h), above, are realleged and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

30. Respondent has further subjected his license to disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined by section 2234, subdivision (c), of the Code in that respondent is guilty of repeated negligent acts as more particularly alleged hereinafter: Paragraphs 25(a), 25(b), 25(c), 25(d), 25(e), 25(f), 25(g), and 25(h), above, are realleged and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

Patient Marcia B.:

31. Respondent has further subjected his license to disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined by section 2234, subdivision

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- (a) From approximately on or about June of 1989 to on or about September 11, 1991, Marcia B. worked for respondent as a legal secretary.
- (b) On or about June of 1990, Marcia B., who was experiencing back pain, became respondent's patient.

 Respondent, noticing that patient Marcia B. was in pain, offered to call in a telephonic prescription for some codeine pills to the Thrifty Drugs located on McCollum in Palm Springs, California, for patient Marcia B. Without conducting a good faith examination of, or taking a medical history from, patient Marcia B., respondent prescribed Empirin with Codeine #3 for patient Marcia B. Patient Marcia B. picked up the Empirin with Codeine #3 from the pharmacy.
- (c) In March of 1991, patient Marcia B.'s sister died. A friend of patient Marcia B.'s called respondent and told him that patient Marcia B. was depressed and asked whether respondent could prescribe something for patient Marcia B. On or about March 25, 1991, without conducting a good faith examination of, or taking a medical history from, patient Marcia B., respondent prescribed Valium for patient Marcia B. Patient Marcia B.'s friend picked up the Valium from the pharmacy for patient Marcia B.
- (d) Respondent is guilty of gross negligence in the course of his treatment of patient Marcia B. in that he has,

among other things, prescribed dangerous drugs and controlled substances to her without conducting a prior good faith examination of, or taking a medical history from, patient Marcia B.

- 32. Respondent has further subjected his license to disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined by section 2234, subdivision (d) of the Code, in that respondent is guilty of incompetence as more particularly alleged hereinafter: Paragraphs 31(a), 31(b), 31(c) and 31(d), above, are realleged and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.
- 33. Respondent has further subjected his license to disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined by section 2242 of the Code, in that respondent has prescribed, dispensed, or furnished dangerous drugs as defined in Section 4211 of the Code without a good faith prior examination and medical indication therefor, as more particularly alleged hereinafter: Paragraphs 31(a), 31(b), 31(c) and 31(d), above, are realleged and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.
- 34. Respondent has further subjected his license to disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined by section 2234, subdivision (c), of the Code in that respondent is guilty of repeated

negligent acts as more particularly alleged hereinafter:

Paragraphs 31(a), 31(b), 31(c) and 31(d), above, are realleged
and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

Patient Colin W.:

- 35. Respondent has further subjected his license to disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined by section 2234, subdivision (b), of the Code in that respondent is guilty of gross negligence as more particularly alleged hereinafter:
 - respondent at a social function and respondent began talking to Colin W. about his "shots." Colin W. told respondent he had a history of melanomas (skin cancer) and that he had a hiatal hernia. Respondent told Colin W. that his shots would cure Colin W.'s skin cancer and hiatal hernia.

 Respondent further told Colin W. he could make Colin W. "fitter," clear his blood, strengthen his immune system, prolong his life and make it healthier. Respondent refused to tell Colin W. what was in the shots and Colin W. declined the shots.
 - (b) In the weeks following their initial meeting,
 Colin W. met respondent at several other social functions.
 Respondent continually tried to persuade Colin W. to take
 respondent's shots. Respondent stated that he loved Colin
 W.'s sculpture work and that he would accept pieces of Colin

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W.'s sculpture work in exchange for respondent's shots which normally cost \$36,000.

- (c) Colin W. finally relented and exchanged one of his sculptures entitled "Leda and the Swan," which Colin W. valued at approximately \$20,000, for respondent's shots.

 Respondent had picked this specific sculpture in particular.
- respondent's patient. On that date, without first conducting a good faith examination of, or taking a medical history from, patient Colin W., respondent administered an injection to patient Colin W. Patient Colin W. felt "high" after receiving his first injection. From on or about January 14, 1991, through on or about February 7, 1991, respondent administered numerous injections to patient Colin W. On or about February 7, 1991, after administering the last injection to patient Colin W., respondent went to patient Colin W.'s residence and picked up the sculpture.
- (e) Respondent is guilty of gross negligence in the course of his treatment of patient Colin W. in that he has, among other things:
 - (1) Failed to conduct a prior good faith physical examination of patient Colin W.;
 - (2) Failed to take an appropriate medical history of patient Colin W.;
 - (3) Failed to create and maintain medical records for patient Colin W.;
 - (4) Told patient Colin W. that he could

clear his blood, strengthen his immune system, and prolong his life by administering his shots to patient Colin W.; and

- (5) Told patient Colin W. that he could cure his skin cancer with his shots; and
- (6) Told patient Colin W. that he could cure his hiatal hernia with his shots; and
- (7) Administered numerous injections containing a dangerous drug, xylocaine, to patient Colin W.
- 36. Respondent has further subjected his license to disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined by section 2234, subdivision (d) of the Code, in that respondent is guilty of incompetence as more particularly alleged hereinafter:
 - (a) Paragraphs 35(a), 35(b), 35(c), 35(d) and 35(e), above, are realleged and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.
 - (b) Respondent is guilty of and has demonstratedincompetence in the course of his treatment of patient ColinW. by, among other things, failing to explain to patientColin W. the ingredients of the injections, their sideeffects, complications and available alternative treatments.
- 37. Respondent has further subjected his license to disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of

unprofessional conduct, as defined by section 2234, subdivision (e), of the Code in that respondent has committed acts involving dishonesty or corruption which are substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon as more particularly alleged hereinafter: Paragraphs 35(a), 35(b), 35(c), 35(d) and 35(e), above, are realleged and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

- 38. Respondent has further subjected his license to disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined by section 2242 of the Code, in that respondent has prescribed, dispensed, or furnished dangerous drugs as defined in Section 4211 of the Code without a good faith prior examination and medical indication therefor, as more particularly alleged hereinafter: Paragraphs 35(a), 35(b), 35(c), 35(d) and 35(e), above, are realleged and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.
- 39. Respondent has further subjected his license to disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of general unprofessional conduct as more particularly alleged hereinafter: Paragraphs 35(a), 35(b), 35(c), 35(d) and 35(e), above, are realleged and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.
- 40. Respondent has further subjected his license to disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of

unprofessional conduct, as defined by section 2234, subdivision

(c), of the Code in that respondent is guilty of repeated

negligent acts as more particularly alleged hereinafter:

Paragraphs 35(a), 35(b), 35(c), 35(d) and 35(e), above, are

realleged and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set

forth.

Patient Alan D.:

- 41. Respondent has further subjected his license to disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined by section 2234, subdivision (b), of the Code in that respondent is guilty of gross negligence as more particularly alleged hereinafter:
 - (a) In approximately the fall of 1987, Alan D. went to see respondent in order to discuss respondent's possible representation of Alan D. in an automobile accident case. Respondent stated that he would represent Alan D. and then began talking about his "shots."
 - (b) Alan D. told respondent that he had cancer to which respondent replied that his shots would cure Alan D.'s cancer and that the cancer would never come back. Alan D.'s daughter, Lazur, was present during this conversation.
 - (c) Thereafter, Alan D. became respondent's patient.

 At respondent's request, respondent accepted approximately
 \$20,000 in jewelry in exchange from patient Alan D. for the
 shots. In addition, because patient Alan D. got another
 person to buy respondent's shots, respondent gave Alan D. a

second series of injections. Respondent also offered patient Alan D. a 15% commission if patient Alan D. found other people to take his shots. However, respondent failed to pay patient Alan D. any of the promised commissions for the referrals patient Alan D. obtained.

- (d) Respondent administered at least 2 1/2 series of injections to patient Alan D.; each series consisted of 24 separate injections. When respondent injected patient Alan D., he felt a "sick" high feeling similar to the feeling he had experience when he had taken cocaine years previously. On one occasion, after receiving an injection from respondent, patient Alan D. was admitted to the Desert Hospital in Palm Springs, California, with his heart racing.
- (e) During the entire period of time that respondent was treating patient Alan D., respondent never conducted a prior good faith examination of, nor did he take a medical history from, nor did he create or maintain medical records for, patient Alan D. In addition, respondent failed to consult with patient Alan D.'s regular physician.
- (f) Respondent is guilty of gross negligence in the course of his treatment of patient Alan D. in that he has, among other things:
 - (1) Failed to conduct a prior good faith physical examination of patient Alan D.;
 - (2) Failed to take an appropriate medical history of patient Alan D.;

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- (3) Failed to create and maintain medical records for patient Alan D.;
- (4) Told patient Alan D. that he could cure his cancer with his shots and that patient Alan D.'s cancer would never come back; and
- (5) Administered numerous injections containing a dangerous drug, xylocaine, to patient Alan D.
- disciplinary action under California Business and Professions
 Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of
 unprofessional conduct, as defined by section 2234, subdivision
 (d) of the Code, in that respondent is guilty of incompetence as
 more particularly alleged hereinafter:
 - (a) Paragraphs 41(a), 41(b), 41(c), 41(d), 41(e) and 41(f), above, are realleged and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.
 - (b) Respondent is guilty of and has demonstrated incompetence in the course of his treatment of patient Alan D. by, among other things, failing to explain to patient Alan D. the ingredients of the injections, their side effects, complications and available alternative treatments.
- 43. Respondent has further subjected his license to disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined by section 2234, subdivision (e), of the Code in that respondent has committed acts involving

dishonesty or corruption which are substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon as more particularly alleged hereinafter: Paragraphs 41(a), 41(b), 41(c), 41(d), 41(e) and 41(f), above, are realleged and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

- 44. Respondent has further subjected his license to disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined by section 2242 of the Code, in that respondent has prescribed, dispensed, or furnished dangerous drugs as defined in Section 4211 of the Code without a good faith prior examination and medical indication therefor, as more particularly alleged hereinafter: Paragraphs 41(a), 41(b), 41(c), 41(d), 41(e) and 41(f), above, are realleged and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.
- 45. Respondent has further subjected his license to disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of general unprofessional conduct as more particularly alleged hereinafter: Paragraphs 41(a), 41(b), 41(c), 41(d), 41(e) and 41(f), above, are realleged and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.
- 46. Respondent has further subjected his license to disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined by section 2234, subdivision (c), of the Code in that respondent is guilty of repeated

negligent acts as more particularly alleged hereinafter:

Paragraphs 41(a), 41(b), 41(c), 41(d), 41(e) and 41(f), above,

are realleged and incorporated by reference herein as if fully

set forth.

47. Respondent has further subjected his license to disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined by section 2273 of the Code, in that respondent employed patient Alan D. as a capper and/or steerer in order to procure patients as more particularly alleged hereinafter: Paragraphs 41(a), 41(b), 41(c), 41(d), 41(e) and 41(f), above, are realleged and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

Patient Wayne N:

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- 48. Respondent has further subjected his license to disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 2220, 2227, and 2234 on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined by section 2234, subdivision (b), of the Code in that respondent is guilty of gross negligence as more particularly alleged hereinafter:
 - (a) In 1991, Wayne N. was suffering from cancer. In approximately May, 1991, respondent called Wayne's wife, S.N., and told her he could cure Wayne's cancer with his "Kronis" shots for \$36,000. Wayne could not afford to pay for respondent's treatments. Instead, respondent agreed to provide the shots in exchange for a \$5,000 debt respondent owed Wayne and Wayne's business partner.

- (b) Shortly thereafter, Wayne N. began receiving injections from respondent at home. Other than checking his blood pressure and listening to Wayne's chest a few times, respondent did not examine Wayne N. nor review any of his medical records.
- (c) Wayne N. received daily injections until the end of June, 1991. The injections did not improve his health: Wayne N. died on July 9, 1991.
- (d) Respondent is guilty of gross negligence in the course of his treatment of patient Wayne N. in that he has, among other things:
 - (1) Failed to conduct a good faith physical examination of patient Wayne N.;
 - (2) Failed to take an appropriate medical history of patient Wayne N.;
 - (3) Failed to create and maintain medical records for patient Wayne N.;
 - (4) Told patient Wayne N. and Wayne N.'s wife that he could cure cancer; and
 - (5) Administered numerous injections containing a dangerous drug, xylocaine, to patient Wayne N.
- 49. Respondent has further subjected his license to disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined by section, 2234, subdivision (d) of the Code, in that respondent is guilty of incompetence as

more particularly alleged hereinafter:

- (a) Paragraphs 48 (a), 48 (b), 48 (c) and 48 (d), above, are realleged and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth.
- (b) Respondent is guilty of and has demonstrated incompetence in the course of his treatment of patient Wayne N. by, among other things, failing to explain to patient Wayne N. the ingredients of the injections, their side effects, complications and available alternative treatments.
- disciplinary action under California Business and Professions
 Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of
 unprofessional conduct, as defined by section 2234, subdivision
 (e), of the Code in that respondent has committed acts involving
 dishonesty or corruption which are substantially related to the
 qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon
 as more particularly alleged hereinafter: Paragraphs 48 (a), 48
 (b), 48 (c) and 48 (d) above, are realleged and incorporated by
 reference herein as if fully set forth.
- 51. Respondent has further subjected his license to disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined by section 2242 of the Code, in that respondent has prescribed, dispensed, or furnished dangerous drugs as defined in Section 4211 of the Code without a good faith prior examination and medical indication therefor, as more particularly alleged hereinafter: Paragraphs 48 (a), 48

(b), 48 (c) and 48 (d) above, are realleged and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

52. Respondent has further subjected his license to disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of general unprofessional conduct as more particularly alleged hereinafter: Paragraphs 48 (a), 48 (b), 48 (c) and 48 (d), above, are realleged and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

53. Respondent has further subjected his license to disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined by section 2234, subdivision (c), of the Code in that respondent is guilty of repeated negligent acts as more particularly alleged hereinafter: Paragraphs 48 (a), 48 (b), 48 (c) and 48 (d), above, are realleged and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

Patient Edith D.:

- 54. Respondent has further subjected his license to disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 2220, 2227, and 2234 on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined by section 2234, subdivision (b), of the Code in that respondent is guilty of gross negligence as more particularly alleged hereinafter:
 - (a) In 1990, Edith D. was suffering from constant pain from her knees down to her feet. Her son, Alan D.,

introduced her to respondent. Respondent told Edith D. that his shots would make her feel better. He also told her that "people would come in on crutches or wheel chairs and would walk out."

- (b) Without conducting a medical examination or obtaining any of her medical records, respondent treated Edith D. with his shots from approximately April, 1990, through May, 1990. Edith D. believes she received the shots in exchange for some jewelry her son Alan D. had given respondent.
- (c) The shots did not cure Edith D.'s condition, nor did they make her feel better.
- (d) Respondent is guilty of gross negligence in the course of his treatment of patient Edith D. in that he has, among other things:
 - (1) Failed to conduct a good faith physical examination of patient Edith D.;
 - (2) Failed to take an appropriate medical history of patient Edith D.;
 - (3) Failed to create and maintain medical records for patient Edith D.; and
 - (4) Administered numerous injections containing a dangerous drug, xylocaine, to patient Edith D.
- 55. Respondent has further subjected his license to disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of

- (a) Paragraphs 54 (a), 54 (b), 54 (c) and 54 (d), above, are realleged and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth.
- (b) Respondent is guilty of and has demonstrated incompetence in the course of his treatment of patient Edith D. by, among other things, failing to explain to patient Edith D., the ingredients of the injections, their side effects, complications and available alternative treatments.
- disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined by section 2234, subdivision (e), of the Code in that respondent has committed acts involving dishonesty or corruption which are substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon as more particularly alleged hereinafter: Paragraphs 54 (a), 54 (b), 54 (c) and 54 (d) above, are realleged and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.
 - 57. Respondent has further subjected his license to disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined by section 2242 of the Code, in that respondent has prescribed, dispensed, or furnished dangerous drugs as defined in Section 4211 of the

Code without a good faith prior examination and medical indication therefor, as more particularly alleged hereinafter: Paragraphs 54 (a), 54 (b), 54 (c) and 54 (d) above, are realleged and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

58. Respondent has further subjected his license to disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of general unprofessional conduct as more particularly alleged hereinafter: Paragraphs 54 (a), 54 (b), 54 (c) and 54 (d), above, are realleged and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

59. Respondent has further subjected his license to disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined by section 2234, subdivision (c), of the Code in that respondent is guilty of repeated negligent acts as more particularly alleged hereinafter: Paragraphs 54 (a), 54 (b), 54 (c) and 54 (d), above, are realleged and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

<u>Violations of Health and Safety Code Section 1707.1:</u>

60. Respondent has further subjected his license to disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined by section 2252 of the Code, in that respondent violated California Health and Safety Code

section 1707.1, as more particularly alleged hereinafter:

- (a) Paragraphs 41(a), 41(b), 41(c), 41(d), 41(e), 41(f), and Paragraphs 48 (a), 48 (b), 48 (c) and 48 (d), above, are realleged and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth; and
- (b) Respondent sold, offered for sale, held for sale, delivered, gave away, prescribed and/or administered a drug, medicine, compound or device to be used in the diagnosis, treatment, alleviation or cure of cancer which has not been, and was not, approved under Section 505 of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act and for which there has not been, and was not, an application filed with the board in compliance with California Health and Safety Code section 1707.1(2).

Violations of Health and Safety Code Section 1714:

- 61. Respondent has further subjected his license to disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined by section 2252 of the Code, in that respondent violated California Health and Safety Code section 1714, as more particularly alleged hereinafter:
 - (a) Paragraphs 41(a), 41(b), 41(c), 41(d), 41(e), 41(f), and Paragraphs 48 (a), 48 (b) 48 (c) and 48(d), above, are realleged and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth; and
 - (b) Respondent, with intent to defraud, falsely represented to patient Alan D., and provided for compensation to patient Alan D., a device, substance, method

or treatment as effective to diagnose, arrest, prevent, or cure cancer in violation of California Health and Safety Code section 1714.

Violations of Business and Professions Code Section 651:

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disciplinary action under California Business and Professions
Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of
unprofessional conduct, as defined by section 651 of the Code, in
that respondent disseminated or caused to be disseminated a form
of public communication containing false, fraudulent, misleading,
or deceptive statement, statements, claim, or claims, for the
purpose of or likely to induce, directly or indirectly, the
rendering of professional services in connection with the
practice of medicine as more particularly alleged hereinafter:

- (a) Paragraphs 19(a), 19(b), 19(c), 19(d), 19(e),
 19(f), and 19(g), above, are realleged and incorporated by
 reference herein as if fully set forth;
- (b) Paragraphs 25(a), 25(b), 25(c), 25(d), 25(e),
 25(f), 25(g), and 25(h), above, are realleged and
 incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth;
- (c) Paragraphs 35(a), 35(b), 35(c), 35(d) and 35(e), above, are realleged and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth; and
- (d) Paragraphs 41(a), 41(b), 41(c), 41(d), 41(e) and 41(f), above, are realleged and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth; and

- (e) Paragraphs 48(a), 48(b), 48(c) and 48 (d), above, are realleged and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth; and
- (f) Paragraphs 54(a), 54(b), 54(c) and 54(d), above, are realleged and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

<u>Violations of Business and Professions Code Section</u> 2238:

- disciplinary action under California Business and Professions
 Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of
 unprofessional conduct, as defined by section 2238 of the Code,
 in that respondent violated statutes of the State of California
 regulating dangerous drugs as more particularly alleged
 hereinafter:
 - (a) Paragraphs 19(a), 19(b), 19(c), 19(d), 19(e),
 19(f), and 19(g), above, are realleged and incorporated by
 reference herein as if fully set forth;
 - (b) Paragraphs 25(a), 25(b), 25(c), 25(d), 25(e), 25(f), 25(g), and 25(h), above, are realleged and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth;
 - (c) Paragraphs 35(a), 35(b), 35(c), 35(d) and 35(e),
 above, are realleged and incorporated by reference herein as
 if fully set forth;
 - (d) Paragraphs 41(a), 41(b), 41(c), 41(d), 41(e) and 41(f), above, are realleged and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth;

- (e) Paragraphs 48(a), 48(b), 48(c) and 48 (d), above, are realleged and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth; and
- (f) Paragraphs 54(a), 54(b), 54(c) and 54(d), above, are realleged and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.
- (g) Respondent's "shots," which he administered to patients Nelson C., Jeremiah C., Colin W., Alan D., Wayne N., and Edith D. contained unknown quantities of the following ingredients: "all B Vitamins, Vitamin C, Vitamin E, all essential amino acids, chromium, zinc and xylocaine."
- (h) "Xylocaine," a brand of lidocaine hydrochloride, is unsafe for self-medication, and is a dangerous drug as defined by California Business and Professions Code section 4211.
- (i) By reason of the foregoing, respondent has subjected his license to disciplinary action under section 2238 of the Code in that he has committed numerous violations of section 2242 of the Code, a state statute regulating dangerous drugs.

<u>Violations of Business and Professions Code Section</u> 17500:

64. Respondent has further subjected his license to disciplinary action under California Business and Professions Code sections 2220, 2227 and 2234 on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined by section 2271 of the Code, in that respondent has advertised in violation of California

Business and Professions Code section 17500, relating to false or misleading advertising, as more particularly alleged hereinafter:

- (a) Paragraphs 19(a), 19(b), 19(c), 19(d), 19(e),
 19(f), and 19(g), above, are realleged and incorporated by
 reference herein as if fully set forth;
- (b) Paragraphs 25(a), 25(b), 25(c), 25(d), 25(e), 25(f), 25(g), and 25(h), above, are realleged and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth;
- (c) Paragraphs 35(a), 35(b), 35(c), 35(d) and 35(e), above, are realleged and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth; and
- (d) Paragraphs 41(a), 41(b), 41(c), 41(d), 41(e) and 41(f), above, are realleged and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth; and
- (e) Paragraphs 48(a), 48(b), 48(c) and 48 (d), above, are realleged and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth; and
- (f) Paragraphs 54(a), 54(b), 54(c) and 54(d), above, are realleged and incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth.

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WHEREFORE, complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters alleged herein, and that following said hearing, the Board issue its decision:

- Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. C20382, heretofore issued to respondent John Zane, M.D.; and
- Taking such other and further action as the Board deems necessary and proper.

DATED: March 5, 1993

Leslie Flining for

DIXON ARNETT

Executive Director

Medical Board of California Department of Consumer Affairs

State of California

Complainant